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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Support

SUBJECT : Support Directorate Information Processing

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1. I am in general agreement with your proposal to transfer some number of Management System Division (MSD) positions and personnel from the Office of Computer Services (OCS) to your Directorate. I am encouraged in this by the belief that SIPS is a project of sufficient magnitude and importance that you ought to have full control of the human resources necessary to build and maintain a working system. I am told that you are receiving satisfactory machine support from OCS. If this should change I would be glad to discuss with you any suggestions you may have which would assure you of better support.

2. With the transfer to you of the human resources necessary to the future of SIPS, I would assume that with them would also pass responsibility for Support Directorate data processing as now done by MSD. This will require that you have on your Staff not only people experienced in GIMS language but also experts in the more common programming languages such as PL/1 and COBOL.

3. While it is clearly too early to define exactly how many positions should be transferred, I suggest we shoot for a goal of ☐ or slightly more than half of the present OCS Management System Division. This target figure is based on my estimate that with the coming of SIPS at least half of the SIPS development and design effort should go away, as should at least half of the present programming effort devoted routinely to the maintenance of ongoing programs for personnel, fiscal and logistics management--programs which SIPS is intended to replace. I further suggest that we plan this transfer to be essentially completed by FY 1975.

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4. Of the remaining ☐ positions, I would propose that OCS retain about ☐ to satisfy those needs for management systems that lie outside SIPS and the DD/S and to provide for computer management of the SIPS data base. The remainder would be returned to the Agency as a whole. I would propose also that you have first choice of MSD people. Careful planning will then be required to phase out the remaining positions and the people who occupy them.

5. My staff and I are ready to discuss this proposal and to help work out the detailed planning which will be required in the critical period ahead.

(Signed) ☐
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